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MEMORANDUM FOR: E. Raymond Platig
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Chairman, NFIB Ad Hoc Task Force on the
Linguist Problem

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SUBJECT: Increased Intelligence Community Support to National
Foreign Language Training Programs [REDACTED]

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In accordance with our telephone conversation of 12 January, I am attaching a copy of the draft DCID establishing an Intelligence Community Foreign Language Training Committee. If the creation of this Committee is approved by the DCI, it will replace the NFIB Ad Hoc task Force on the Linguist Problem established in April 1976 by Mr. William E. Colby, then DCI. As you are undoubtedly aware, there has been increasing concern in the past two or three years with the problem of recruitment, training, and retention of personnel for the Intelligence Community with requisite foreign language and collateral skills. The DDCI, Admiral Inman, is particularly interested in this problem and has expressed his concern at the inadequacy of the Community's foreign language competence in conversations with officials of the Intelligence Community Staff, the Department of Defense, and Congressional leaders. Since it is quite apparent that this is a problem which cannot easily be solved and which is of more than a temporary nature, the Intelligence Community Staff is proposing the creation of a permanent DCI Committee and the abolition of the old Ad Hoc Task Force. The draft DCID has already been approved for the Department of Defense (i.e., for the four uniformed services, NSA, OSD, and DIA) by the Deputy Secretary of Defense, Mr. Carlucci, and is presently being staffed through CIA and the FBI. We should be grateful if you could review it on behalf of INR. If you have any problems, please let me know. As I told you, a copy of the draft DCID is also going to Pierre Shostal of the Foreign Service Institute for coordination with other elements of the Department of State outside INR. [REDACTED]

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